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**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A winged injection needle comprising:  
a needle tube for puncturing having a lumen, a base end, a base end side and a forward end side opposite said base end side,  
a ~~spherical~~ hub for retaining the base end of the needle tube having on a cross section in